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In re Application of  
Jozef Dechamps  
Application No. 10/629,355  
Filed: July 29, 2003  
Attorney Docket No. XP-1107

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: DECISION ACCORDING STATUS  
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)  
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This is in response to the second request for reconsideration filed August 12, 2004, under 37 CFR 1.47(b).<sup>1</sup>

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioners have shown that the non-signing inventor, Jozef Dechamps, refuses to join in the filing of the above-identified application after having been personally given a copy of the application papers. Petitioners have also provided a statement regarding irreparable damage and a legal memorandum regarding the proprietary interest of AGFA-GEVAERT.

With respect to the oath or declaration, in the absence of a signature by the inventor Jozef Dechamps, it is signed by Mr. Robert A. Sabourin, Patent Counsel on behalf of the assignee AGFA-GEVAERT, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.67. See MPEP 409.03(b).

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(b). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(b) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47( c), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the declaration. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2622 for examination in due course.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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<sup>1</sup>A petition filed December 22, 2003 was dismissed in a decision mailed February 26, 2004. A request for reconsideration was filed March 29, 2004 with a one month extension of time request and a certificate of mail dated May 25, 2004 and was dismissed in a decision mailed July 27, 2004.



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In re Application of  
Jozef Dechamps  
Application No. 10/629,355  
Filed: July 29, 2003  
For: METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY DETERMINING AN IMPOSITION PLAN

Dear Mr. Dechamps:

You are named as the sole inventor in the above identified United States patent application, filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 116 (United States Code), and 37 CFR 1.47(a), Rules of Practice in Patent Cases. Should a patent be granted on the application you will be designated therein as the sole inventor.

As the named inventor you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost per 37 CFR 1.19) or make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent attorney or agent presenting written authorization from you. If you care to join the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

Telephone inquiries regarding this communication should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212. Requests for information regarding your application should be directed to the File Information Unit at 703/308-2733. Information regarding how to pay for and order a copy of the application, or a specific paper in the application, should be directed to Certification Division at 703/308-9726 or 1-800-972-6382 (outside the Washington D.C. area).

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